

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims**

1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing of content data to a client, comprising:
  - receiving a selection of content data from the client;
  - generating a file comprising license information and a locator for the content data, wherein the license information indicates a license status enabling the client to access the content data, wherein the license status indicates available content usage, wherein the available content usage indicates an amount of the content available to the client according to a scope of a license;
  - sending of the file to the client; and
  - synchronizing with local license related data on the client indicating an updated license status ~~comprising indicating the updated the~~ available content usage included in the file sent to the client reduced, at the client, by updated based on an amount of actual client usage of the content data at the client, ~~wherein the license status including the available content usage is updated at the client, and wherein the client usage that results in the updating of the client usage in the local license related data occurs at the client~~ following the sending of the file to the client and before the synchronizing.
2. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
  - in response to receiving the selection of the content data from the client, requesting of license conditions information from a license server;
  - sending of information indicative of one or more license offers to the client; and
  - receiving an acceptance from the client.
- 3-15. (Canceled)
16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the generated file comprises an XML file having a defined DTD format.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
receiving a request to renew the license from the client and make payment for the  
renewal in response to the client determining that the updated license status indicates that the  
license has expired.

18-38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the ~~updated license status~~  
~~includes an amount of actual client~~ usage of the content data at the client includes actual content  
usage occurring after the license status is expired at the client when there is no more available  
content usage.

40. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:  
during synchronization, determining the amount of usage of the content data at the client  
after the license status is expired at the client;  
receiving payment for the amount of usage of the content data after the license status is  
expired, wherein the synchronizing with the local license related data comprises renewing the  
local license related data to allow continued use of the content data in response to receiving the  
payment for the amount of usage.

41-44. (Canceled)

45. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the available content  
usage indicates a fixed number of allowed play, wherein the license status is expired after the  
content is rendered the fixed number of allowed playbacks.

46. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the available content  
usage indicates a duration of the content playback.

47. (New) A server system in communication with a client to provide the client content data, wherein the server system includes a computer is programmed to perform operations, the operations comprising:

- receiving a selection of content data from the client;
- generating a file comprising license information and a locator for the content data, wherein the license information indicates a license status enabling the client to access the content data, wherein the license status indicates available content usage, wherein the available content usage indicates an amount of the content available to the client according to a scope of a license;
- sending of the file to the client; and
- synchronizing with local license related data on the client indicating an updated license status comprising the available content usage included in the file sent to the client reduced, at the client, by an amount of actual client usage of the content data at the client following the sending of the file to the client and before the synchronizing.

48. (New) The server of claim 47, wherein the operations further comprise:

- in response to receiving the selection of the content data from the client, requesting of license conditions information from a license server;
- sending of information indicative of one or more license offers to the client; and
- receiving an acceptance from the client.

49. (New) The server of claim 47, wherein the generated file comprises an XML file having a defined DTD format.

50. (New) The server of claim 47, wherein the operations further comprise:

- receiving a request to renew the license from the client and make payment for the renewal in response to the client determining that the updated license status indicates that the license has expired.

51. (New) The server of claim 47, wherein the actual client usage of the content data at the client includes actual content usage occurring after the license status is expired at the client when there is no more available content usage.

52. (New) The server of claim 47, wherein the operations further comprise:  
during synchronization, determining the amount of usage of the content data at the client  
after the license status is expired at the client;  
receiving payment for the amount of usage of the content data after the license status is  
expired, wherein the synchronizing with the local license related data comprises renewing the  
local license related data to allow continued use of the content data in response to receiving the  
payment for the amount of usage.

53. (New) The server of claim 47, wherein the available content usage indicates a  
fixed number of allowed play, wherein the license status is expired after the content is rendered  
the fixed number of allowed playbacks.

54. (New) The server of claim 47, wherein the available content usage indicates a  
duration of the content playback.

55. (New) A digital storage medium including a computer program executed to  
provide content data to a client, wherein the computer program is capable of causing the server  
to perform operations comprising:  
receiving a selection of content data from the client;  
generating a file comprising license information and a locator for the content data,  
wherein the license information indicates a license status enabling the client to access the content  
data, wherein the license status indicates available content usage, wherein the available content  
usage indicates an amount of the content available to the client according to a scope of a license;  
sending of the file to the client; and  
synchronizing with local license related data on the client indicating an updated license  
status comprising the available content usage included in the file sent to the client reduced, at the  
client, by an amount of actual client usage of the content data at the client following the sending  
of the file to the client and before the synchronizing.

56. (New) The digital storage medium of claim 55, wherein the operations further  
comprise:

in response to receiving the selection of the content data from the client, requesting of license conditions information from a license server;  
sending of information indicative of one or more license offers to the client; and  
receiving an acceptance from the client.

57. (New) The digital storage medium of claim 55, wherein the generated file comprises an XML file having a defined DTD format.

58. (New) The digital storage medium of claim 55, wherein the operations further comprise:

receiving a request to renew the license from the client and make payment for the renewal in response to the client determining that the updated license status indicates that the license has expired.

59. (New) The digital storage medium of claim 55, wherein the actual client usage of the content data at the client includes actual content usage occurring after the license status is expired at the client when there is no more available content usage.

60. (New) The digital storage medium of claim 55, wherein the operations further comprise:

during synchronization, determining the amount of usage of the content data at the client after the license status is expired at the client;

receiving payment for the amount of usage of the content data after the license status is expired, wherein the synchronizing with the local license related data comprises renewing the local license related data to allow continued use of the content data in response to receiving the payment for the amount of usage.

61. (New) The digital storage medium of claim 55, wherein the available content usage indicates a fixed number of allowed play, wherein the license status is expired after the content is rendered the fixed number of allowed playbacks.

62. (New) The digital storage medium of claim 55, wherein the available content usage indicates a duration of the content playback.